

Updated June 26, 2021

Dear Families,

It has been a great start to the summer and we look forward to welcoming many more campers! The first two weeks of camp have been filled with much joy, enthusiasm, excitement, and gratitude! It is so wonderful to see all of the smiling faces of our campers and their families.

We have been following the ever-evolving guidelines and recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the American Camping Association (ACA), and the State of Michigan. We have been in contact with doctors and nurses and other camps to determine the best strategy to provide a safe and fun experience while mitigating the risk of Covid-19. With the latest update for camps having just come out this week after the lifting of restrictions on Tuesday, June 22 we share with you the following changes for the summer.

The following safety strategies are based on the current guidelines at this time. These are subject to change based on the recommendations of the CDC, ACA, State of Michigan, and the doctors and nurses who help to guide us.

High Risk Population

Those who have pre-existing conditions or who have a higher risk of complications due to Covid-19 should speak with their primary care physician to assess the risk of attending camp prior to registering.

Pre-Camp

One of the best ways to prevent an outbreak of Covid-19 at CSM is to minimize bringing Covid-19 to Camp. This makes the diligence of our camp families in following the pre-screening process so important. If there is any potential exposure to campers or their families to Covid-19 within 14 days of coming to camp or any symptoms shown please stay home. We need your help to keep camp safe and fun this summer.

For 14 days prior to coming to Camp, campers are asked to **fill out a daily health screening form** which will include taking and recording temperatures. You can use one of the following forms [CSM Health Screening Form](#), [MHSSA Covid Monitor Form](#), or a health screening app if you prefer. We also ask that for 14 days prior to coming to Camp, the following practices are observed:

- Choose safer activities that limit the risk of exposure to Covid-19. See the CDC's guide to safer activities [CDC Guide to safer activities](#)
- Wash hands with soap and water frequently. Limit non-essential travel.

Covid-19 tests are encouraged within 3-5 days prior to attending Camp.

Please contact us if you have any questions as to whether or not your child should be attending camp

Arrival at Camp

We will be limiting access to indoor spaces and check-in will look very different this year. It will be a drive-through process. We are no longer asking that only parent drop their child off. Upon arrival, the following will take place:

- **Temperature screening of all in the vehicle (*If anyone in the vehicle has a temperature of 100.4 or over, the registered camper will be unable to check-in. Hence, it is vital you are taking daily temperatures including prior to leaving for camp on the day of check-in. If a temperature is found please stay home.*)**

If a camper has any symptoms or has been in contact with a person who has or is suspected to have COVID-19, you will not be able to check in. Please stay home if you or your child answer yes to questions a, b, or c.

- The following questions will be asked:
 1. Have you or your child been in contact with a person who has or is suspected to have COVID-19?
 2. Have you or your child felt unwell in the last 3 days? (fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea)
 3. (The camper will be asked) Have you felt unwell in the last 3 days? (fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea)
 4. Are you feeling well today?

With the above having been satisfied we will proceed with the check-in process as follows:

- Parent/guardian(s) will turn in paperwork, medication, and settle any balances.
- Camper will have a health screening performed by our Camp nurse/medical health officer prior to heading to their cabin.
- After the above has taken place, the camper may head to their cabin. We ask the person dropping off the camper to refrain from going inside the cabin. You may drop off luggage at the porch/door of the cabin, meet the counselors who will greet you outside, and say your goodbyes. Counselors will assist campers with settling into the cabin and getting their bunks set up.

At Camp

- **Masks are no longer required anywhere at camp.**
- The maximum number of campers in a cabin will be **16**.
- Cabins will be considered a household.
- Temperature checks will take place each day.

- During meals campers will be seated as a cabin with social distance between cabins. Windows will be open in the mess hall during meals to provide ventilation.
- As much as possible, activities will be done as a cabin. The camper's team will be their cabin mates.
- Any all camp activities outside of Mass, Night Prayer, and meals will take place outside and be socially distanced between cabins.
- As much as possible, outside of our specialized activities, such as horses for example, we will keep the cabin counselors with the campers from their cabin.
- Counselors will make sure campers are either washing their hands and/or using hand sanitizer throughout the day.
- Mackinaw Island trips will be suspended this year so as to protect our CSM bubble and limit exposure to crowds and outside people.

Cleaning and sanitation

We are returning to our regular cleaning protocols which meet the ACA and the State of Michigan high standards.

Fever or Covid-19 Symptoms at Camp

In the case of a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher at camp or a camper experiencing Covid-19 symptoms, that camper will be isolated under the watch and care of our nurse or medical health officer. If the fever or symptoms persist the camper will need to be picked up and the camper will need a Covid-19 test. CSM will need to be informed of the results of the test so we can inform health officials, Camp families, and staff. **(If a camper in your child's cabin were to test positive or display symptoms of Covid-19, the rest of the cabin, if symptom free, can stay at camp and continue in their own bubble until camp ends. Parents will be notified if there is an exposure but no campers would have to check out early unless symptomatic. This cabin would then become what is called a shadow camp and would have separate activities, meals, and chapel time.)**

The following are symptoms that can be related to Covid-19:

- Fever of 100.4 degrees or higher
- Body or muscle aches
- Cough
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- Nausea or vomiting
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sore throat

Check-out/Pick-up

NEW FOR 2021: All check-outs for our boys' and girls' sessions will take place on Saturdays at 1pm. Check-out will also be a drive-thru process, and we will be limiting indoor access as much as possible. Upon arrival for check-out, the following will take place:

- Show your ID
- Sign your camper out
- Settle any balances
- Collect camper's medication, if necessary
- Receive cabin photo if one was purchased
- Receive your slip with your camper's name on it and then proceed to the cabin
- Once at the cabin, please stay outside the cabin
- Counselors will assist the camper in bringing their items out from the cabin
- Head home listening to all the fun stories from your camper's stay at CSM

We will continue to assess protocols and guidance as it becomes available from the state and local health department.